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Filed:         27 November 2001                      Examiner:             Michael H. Thaler  
For:            STENT INCLUDING HUMAN OR ANIMAL TISSUE

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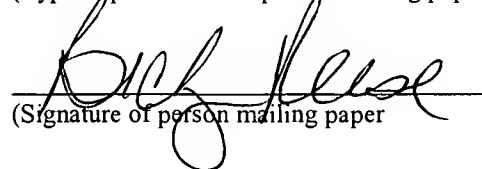
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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This letter is responsive to the Office Communication of April 30, 2004. It is timely filed on or before June 1, 2004, as the next business day following a response due date falling on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS – none.

REMARKS begin on page 2.